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The Delaware Canal at New Hope.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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June, 1971

- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Narration and Famous Painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware", Daily 9 to 5, at ½ hour intervals. Memorial Building.
- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson-Neely House furnished with pre-Revolutionary pieces, Route 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1 to 5 p.m.
- 1 - 30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Old Ferry Inn, Route 532 at the bridge. Restored Revolutionary furniture, gift and snack shop where Washington Punch is sold. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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YESTERDAY'S TOWN FOR TODAY

by Sheila L. M. Broderick

New Hope in the summer under clear, sundrenched skies, with sidewalks hot enough to fry eggs on. New Hope in the fall, all gold and russet, with crowds still lingering. New Hope in the winter, barges docked and motionless, vacant store windows searching for old familiar faces. New Hope in the spring, excitedly waiting, anticipating old friends — everything born afresh — new paint, new parking meters, new goods for sale . . . New Hope!

Ah, yes, the utter madness that is this swinging town of New Hope. People of all nations, out-of-this-world-clothes, imported foods, gorgeous works of art, knick-knacks of endless variety, shoes and sandals that slip feet into heavenly comfort, leather goods to last lifetimes, antiques from every place under the sun, the Playhouse and the hundred and one tiny restaurants that leave diets long forgotten.



Mechanic Street

This then is the melting pot that we know as New Hope. And yet, it was not always this way. Time was when on the same spot where today a thousand faces can pass you in one day without your seeing the same one twice, there once stood three buildings which gave lodgings to twenty people.



Van Sant House

It was in the year 1700 that land in New Hope first came into a home owner's hands. A plot of river side property was deeded to one Robert Heath by William Penn, who in turn sold some of this land to John Wells. John established two thriving businesses here, a Ferry and an Inn.

With Lenni Lenape Indians camped close by and more often than not fishing and hunting right in around his place, John Wells operated the only crossing place between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Many was the weary traveler who looked to Wells' Ferry for a much needed night's lodgings before continuing on to New York or Philadelphia.

After a goodly number of years as a successful businessman, John Wells sold both businesses to Benjamin Canby. Shortly after this transaction another house was built at the cross roads. Vansant House, on the N. W. corner of what are now Mechanic and Main Streets, was erected in 1743.

The Ferry Crossing, true to the fashion of many early places of business carried the name of the village, and so, as the business changed hands and names, the little dwelling place went from Wells Ferry to Canby's Ferry to Coryell's Ferry to Parry's Town.

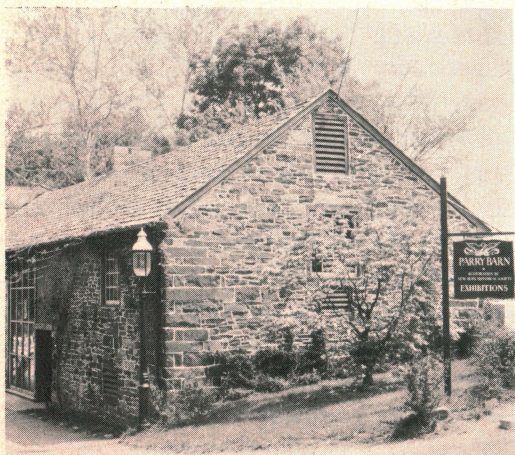


Ferry Crossing

It was here in 1737 that runners brought news to the betting patrons of the Inn, that Edward Marshall had completed the Walking Purchase, bringing to Pennsylvania ownership of 500,000 acres of Lenni-Lenape land running from lower Bucks County to the town of Jim Thorpe.

While the Inn and Ferry were yet under Coryell ownership, Washington used the out-buildings to store guns and ammunition in, also hiding his boats for his Christmas night crossing along the banks by the town.

Yet another step in history took place here in that magnificent summer that the Declaration of Independence was adopted in Philadelphia. Once the famous document had been signed, copies were rushed to all the various colonies. The rider for New Jersey rode hard, and upon reaching the Ferry called for someone to carry himself and his horse across with all due speed. On reaching the New Jersey side he rode off towards Trenton, leaving clouds of dust behind. There in town, Samuel Tucker, President of the Provincial Congress read the news to an assemblage from the court house steps, thus making New Jersey the first state for a public hearing of the famous document. It was all done a good hour in advance of the hour officially set.



Parry Barn

Spring of the year 1784 saw the arrival of a Mr. Benjamin Parry to the growing little town. Such a stir did the man create as he went about buying land. He bought the Great Spring Creek, and a large plot at the cross roads where he immediately set about building a lovely big house for his family. That same house stands today on the corners of Main and Ferry Streets, and has the original mortar yet resting between its bricks.

Industry arrived in the shape of a large grist mill. The war ended, and Washington became the first President.

Then tragedy struck the town. It was the year 1790 and the month was May. It had been a windy



Parry House

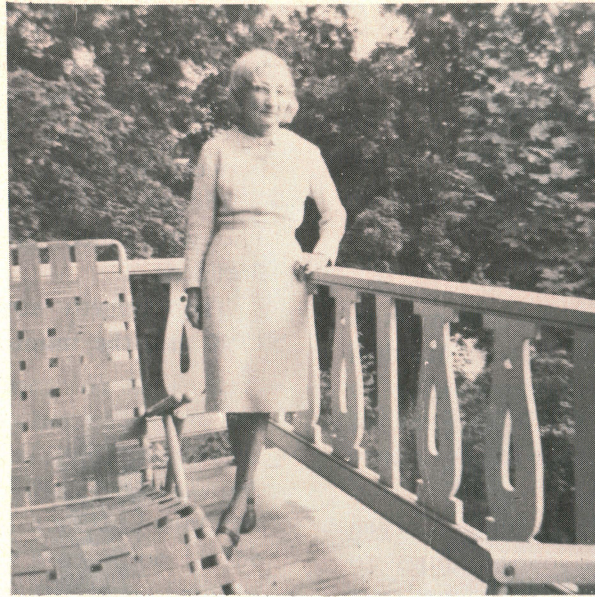
storm-tossed period when suddenly the inhabitants were wakened by fire alarms . . . the great grist mill was on fire!

Everyone turned out to try and save the building, but unfortunately, the valiant efforts of the water wagons, wooden buckets, brooms, axes and hoes were to no avail. Saddened, not only by the loss of a grand new land mark, but also a useful industry, Parry, at great cost, had the mill rebuilt. He then hoped to turn the past bad luck by renaming the mill, the New Hope Mill. Responding to the gesture the townsfolk changed the name of the town to New Hope.

From that time onwards the town began to thrive. Covered bridges began to span the river, and in the year 1812 one of the earliest ones crossed at the old Coryell's Ferry (Lambertville-New Hope). The coming of the bridges increased travel. Stagecoach stops, several of which still host today's travelers, sprang up at many of the river points. These included New Hope and Lambertville.

Steamboat lines began operating between Lambertville and Easton, and from Easton to Belvidere

In the town of New Hope advances were also being
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PURVEYOR OF GEMS

by Mary Price Lee

You've heard the advice — always ask a busy woman to do a job for you. The inference is, of course, that her busyness incorporates organization, self-confidence and enthusiasm.

This can be said of Marie S. Bordner, New Hope shop owner, poetess and beneficiary of psychic insight. In speaking of her interests, the element of time often dominated her conversations. "I don't have *time* to do this," was her lament. So concentrated are her various interests that some must be abandoned for others. And yet, each vocation and avocation receives its due as extra minutes present themselves. Her 'Jewel Tree' continues its thriving business; her interest in extra-sensory perception continues to grow; the poetry flows from an imaginative pen. In short, Mrs. Bordner knows no unfulfilled hours.

The 'Jewel Tree' is a small shop gracing the corner of 15 West Ferry Street. Its selection of bracelets, necklaces, rings and other sparkling items presupposes a fairly knowledgeable clientele. The customer who drops in generally has some idea about fine jewelry and hopes the 'Jewel Tree' may have that cameo brooch or other distinctive piece she's been seeking. Amber and rose quartz necklaces vie with jade rings set in 14-carat gold. Mrs. Bordner finds in her jewelry the essence of one of her poems — "this loveliness I must capture."

This poetess looks upon retirement as anathema. Small and slim, she embodies the strength of purpose that has no boundary in age. Her interests have centered around writing for many years. And acknowledging this occupation as one of the more pleasant 'diseases' she has produced steadily with few

arid periods between.

Mrs. Bordner has touched on most journalistic bases. Her experiences include advertising, radio and the newspaper. Perhaps these forays into the commercial areas of writing were preparing Marie Bordner for a purer level of expression — poetry. Whatever the case, her string of poetic achievements has justified her specialization. She's listed in the '70 Who's Who in Poetry: she is a member of the Philadelphia Branch of the National League of American Pen Women and the Pennsylvania Poetry Society; and she holds a Freedoms Foundation Medal for 1968.

And how does a shop owner have time to wax poetic? "I find some time in the winter when there's a respite in the tourist trade," Mrs. Bordner answers. "Of course," she adds, "there are also speech invitations to fulfill so this cuts into my creative time."

Her poetry will be welcomed eagerly by all those who have shied away from the involuted writings of T. S. Eliot and others. Its joy lies in its simplicity. Not simplistic, it expresses ideas imaginatively and lucidly. In addressing her son, John, at age eighteen, in 'Sonnet to John,' she says:

Turn not to age for age will turn to you
Seeking again the road that time has dimmed,
Bordered with daisies when the day was new,
Weed grown and dusty twilight sees it limned.

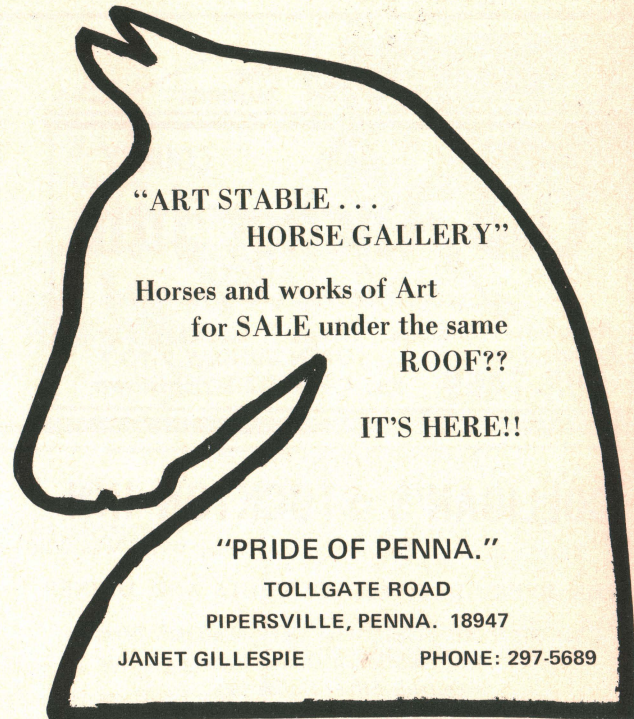
This excerpt is from her little book, 'The Silver Shadow.' Containing thirty-four poems, it has such provocative titles as 'Repentant Puritan,' 'Fool's Gold' and 'Former Incarnation.' The book has sold well and has made Mrs. Bordner some devoted followers. One lady wrote, "I am enjoying reading and rereading the lovely and meaningful poems in the 'Silver Shadow.' Thank you for writing them."

The coveted Freedoms Foundation Medal became hers when she wrote a poem titled 'The Liberty Bell'. Mrs. Bordner was encouraged by the Philadelphia president of the League of Pen Women to send it to the Valley Forge Foundation. Result: it was a winner. Its stirring message graces the Philadelphia mayor's office and will soon be a part of the heritage of the Independence Hall group of buildings. A related poem, 'Valley Forge,' has four moving lines that portray the poignancy of history:

Gaze on these gentle hills, the breeze-bent grass
That have a hallowed stillness brooding there;
Touch dogwood blossoms lightly as you pass,
No marble monuments with these compare.

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P. O. P.

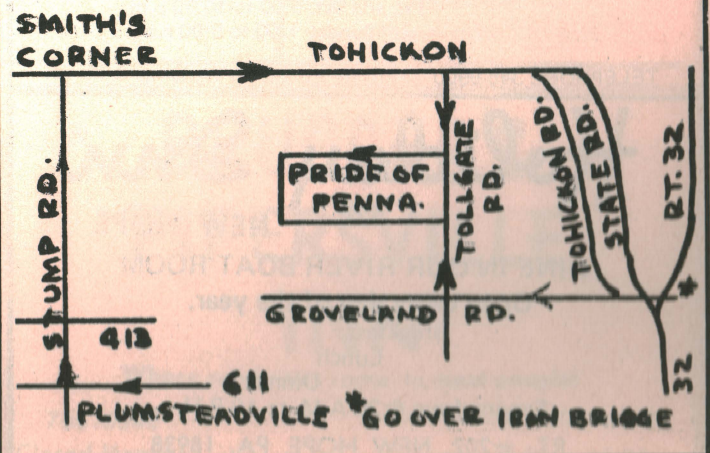


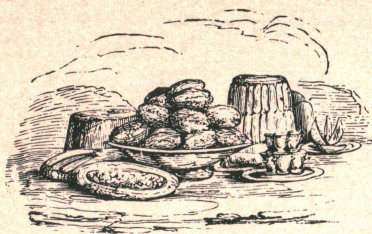
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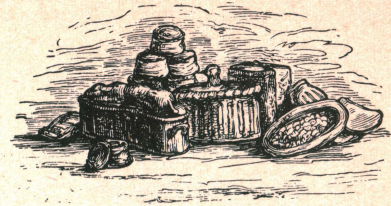
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WASHINGTON'S OTHER CROSSING

by H. Winthrop Blackburn

It is often said (most frequently in the pages of *Panorama*) that Bucks County made George Washington famous. The Upper Makefield chauvinists claim that honor for Washington's supposedly wise choice in the selection of a crossing place on Christmas night 1776. Rejecting the claim of Upper Makefield as being outrageous, the partisans of Solebury and New Hope assert that their own Coryell's Ferry, not Mc Conkey's was actually the scene of Washington's boat rides to fame.

The Solebury claim does seem to have some substance. The ferry at Solebury, as early as 1769, was advertised as, "Coryell's Ferry, the only Ferry between Newark and Philadelphia noted for its shortness and Conveniency over the River Delaware." We don't know whether Washington first read about Coryell's in the 1776 Mobil Travel Guide, but we do know that he was aware of its strategic value.

The disheartening retreat from New York ended in the relative safety of Pennsylvania in early December 1776. The security of the river ferries, from Yardley's to Coryell's, was Washington's immediate concern. The available boats had been thoughtfully removed to

the Pennsylvania side of the river, but a dedicated pursuer could easily gather sufficient material to build enough boats or rafts to cross a relatively narrow river. The security of the crossings was the responsibility of that democratic peer from New Jersey, Brigadier General William Alexander (Lord Stirling). In addition to the crossings themselves, a strong detail was posted to Malta Island, just south of Coryell's, to guard the boats carefully sheltered on the Pennsylvania side.

Intelligence reports pointed to Coryell's as the most probable place for an attempted crossing, and its defenses received the most detailed attention. The garrison at Coryell's was commanded by Brigadier General Roche de Fermoy, a French soldier of fortune of no distinction, who was soon to slip into well-earned obscurity. His brigade included the First Pennsylvania Regiment under Colonel Hand and the Pennsylvania German Regiment, newly raised, under Colonel Nicholas Hausseger. After their arrival on December 8th, the troops lost no time in building a redoubt at the corner of Bridge and Ferry Streets and a series of earthworks ran along the ridge of the hill

behind the Parry mansion. At the riverbank, stockades guarded the ferry crossing itself.

During the night of December 9th Lord Cornwallis led a party along the Jersey side of the river searching for boats. The British reached Coryell's without success, but they were spotted by de Fermoy's sentries and shots were exchanged across the river without reported injuries. Washington reported the incident in a letter to Congress on the 11th and, on the next day, reported that intelligence said that Cornwallis and 6,000 troops were massed at Penny-town (Pennington) waiting for boats and pontoons to make a crossing at Coryell's. It was this concern that caused Washington to move his headquarters on the 13th from the Barclay house at Morrisville to the Keith house in Upper Makefield.

Just when the tension was building to a climax, Cornwallis' commander, General William Howe, decided to call off the war for the winter and drew the troops back closer to New York. While the immediate threat was removed, precautions were continued lest the British change their minds. Coryell's was a regular stop on Washington's inspection trips. Local legend claims that Washington made a crossing at Coryell's, under the guidance of Cornelius Coryell, to determine from the high ground on the Jersey side that the boats behind Malta Island were completely hidden from prying eyes.

Where in Bucks County did Washington plan his famous crossing? Washington himself never said. The field is thus wide open to all claimants. The New Hope/Solebury tradition claims that the crossing was originally planned under a tree located on the Paxson estate of "Maple Grove" by Washington in company with his most trusted deputies; Knox, Stirling, Sullivan, and Greene. The tree, appropriately called the "Old Washington Tree," stood as a sort of local shrine until its destruction in the late 19th century. The planning was so thorough, however, that it could not have been completed in one place at one time.

De Fermoy's little brigade left Coryell's on the afternoon of December 25, 1776, to take part in the spectacular victory at Trenton that was shortly followed by another success at Princeton. Having driven the British from West Jersey, Washington followed the lead of his opponent and called off his part of the war for the winter. The remains of the ragged army retired to the protection of the hills around Morristown to rest and prepare for the next campaign.

With the coming of spring the armies began to rustle. Respectable numbers of new troops flocked to Norristown and it looked as if Washington could start

the fighting season with a fairly substantial army. The initiative, however, lay with the enemy, and as spring wore on, the army began to wonder where the action would lead them.

When Howe finally started to move he had many options. He could attempt to maneuver Washington into a virtual cul de sac and destroy the Continental Army in New Jersey. He could go north, up the Hudson, and assist General Burgoyne in his invasion from Canada, or he could take to the sea and strike almost anywhere; Boston, Newport, Philadelphia, Charleston. Which would it be?

Howe began by playing the maneuver game; marching and countermarching his divisions over north Jersey trying to lure Washington into open battle. Howe was an expert at this game, but Washington had heard of the game and wasn't having any. He moved his army back and forth covering the British movements. While there were a few skirmishes, Washington never moved the main body of the army from the safety of the high country. Realizing that the game wasn't working, Howe, in late June, moved his troops to Staten Island and loaded them onto transports. Howe had closed one of his options, but Washington's basic problem was still unsolved.

The first break came on July 23rd. 260 British ships carrying from 15,000 to 18,000 troops sailed from Staten Island and were reported heading south. Washington, with the main body of the army at Smith's Clove, New York, received the news on the 24th and suspected that the objective was Philadelphia. He immediately dispatched Stephens and Lincoln and their divisions to the Delaware; to



Coryell House

wait at Howell's Ferry (Stockton) and await further orders. Stirling and his division were ordered to Trenton while Washington and the rest of the army headed for Coryell's where he had decided to wait until Howe's intentions became more clear. Coryell's was convenient, being close to both New York and

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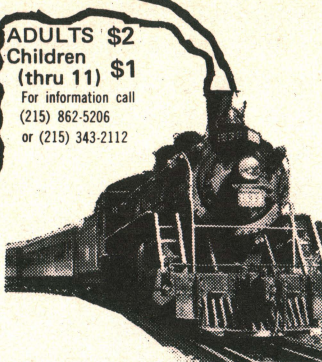
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made. Many more houses had sprung up, bringing with them several small stores. A school, started in the year 1819 by Mrs. Touchette as a boarding school for refined young ladies came into being, (this small building stands today at Bridge and Ferry Streets). In 1828 a truly wondrous event occurred — a statue, ten feet tall, of an Indian arrived in town. Speechless the people watched as he was carefully set up, then, there he stood! Tall and brave, sighting his arrow out across the river, the statue stood guard outside the Inn to commemorate the memory of the brave Lenni—Lenape chieftain Wingohoking. This proud Indian leader had been a blood-brother and life long friend to James Logan, William Penn's Colonial Secretary, and one time owner of Logan's Inn.

Logan Inn is the oldest tavern in New Hope, but running a very close second is the River House. The River House, built in 1794 has been a popular gathering place for generations. And, although not always catering to the same kind of clientele as Logan's Inn, has been equally successful. Located at the lower end of the barge locks, it was a popular hangout of the riverboat men, pilots, and later canal men.



Logan Inn

Other industry continued to come to town, and among these were fulling mills, rolling mills and saw mills. A linseed oil mill arrived along with wool, flax and cotton mills and a large forge.

The first house to ever have running water was built on Great Spring Creek at the intersection of Sugar Road and Stony Hill. Invitations to attend functions in this mansion were much sought after by both local and Philadelphia society, most especially the ladies.

A flourishing fishery was operated for a great

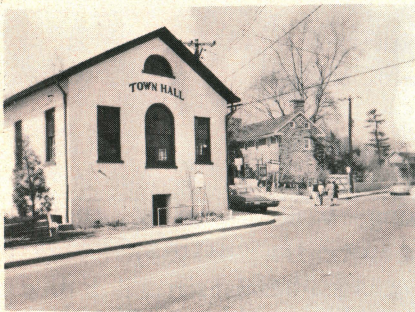
many years along the river banks here, and buying the fresh shad from the Delaware was considered one of the most mouth watering experiences.

As the huge dredges finished digging the canal in the year 1831, business really boomed to a new high. It brought with it an influx of new families to settle there, and in its hey day, it was not at all unusual to count as many as 2,000 barges sailing back and forth in the course of a year.

A Salt House, a most important and highly necessary place, was erected on the site where the town library stands today. The original library sign from the very first library in town swings by the door of the present one. It was made by a man named Morgan Colt . . . and he was the first artist to live in New Hope.

Putting this loveliest of country towns on the tourist map has been the main work of a group of artistic people. Down through the years as the river receded in importance as a way of life, many people turned to the peace and quiet of New Hope to follow their art.

The town reached its highest point in the artistic world in 1929. A group known as the "Mill Association", bought the mill, and after converting it into a community house, held their first exhibition in October of that year. It wasn't too long before these first greats had young disciples coming to watch and learn. The young "Mods" of those golden days however were not allowed to show their art in the mill, so undaunted they banded together and held shows in the Town Hall. Thus there were two places where the visitors could view and purchase art, and it wasn't too long after this that practically every little store in town was sponsoring its favorite artist.



Town Hall

In 1939, as the world hovered on the brink of war, a band of the town's artists calling themselves the "Independents" meaning a free-for-all art group, organized the New Hope Art Association. They immediately set about starting a continual all-year-round art show in a gallery on the grounds of the Playhouse. Since that time, art has been the life

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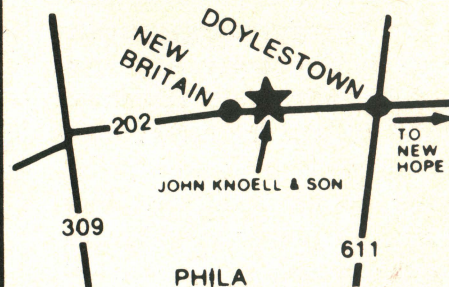
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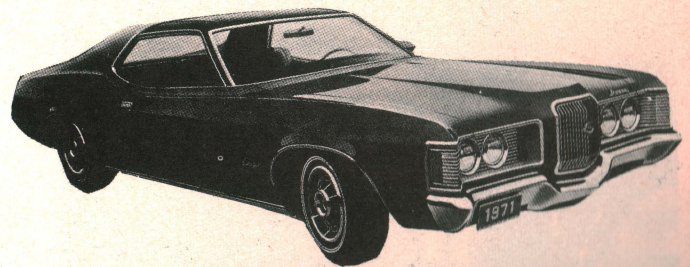
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Not since the days of Tom Sawyer has there been such a yen to whitewash fences than at the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival at Kutztown where two young "Gay" Dutch girls have folks "warda tzeite" waiting turns to swing the brush! Kutztown is on Route 222 between Allentown and Reading.

Dating back several centuries as an inexpensive substitute for painting, whitewashing remains popular today in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. As soon as winter frosts are past, these thrifty folks sometimes called "crazy clean" are out coating everything a chalk white — from chicken coops to pig pens.

Made from glue, water, common salt, rice flour, whiting, and unslaked lime, the job of whitewashing is frequently assigned to the "young fry," girls as well as boys, who readily admit it's only fun at the Kutztown Festival where visitors often line up three



Young Amish immigrant in the pageant, "Men of One Master"



Pretty Gay Dutch candlemaker

deep for a chance to swing the big brush!

At this year's 22nd Annual Festival, July 3 through July 10, there'll be big brushes and long fences next to the soap boiler, Mabel Snyder, for visitors to try their skill.

Also at this summer's festival will be Winnie Brendel in the Country Kitchen, daily cooking up batches of schnitz un knepp, chicken pot-pie, sauerkraut and other popular Pennsylvania Dutch dishes for folks to sample. Carrie Lambert will stage her "mush parties" again, and there will be funnel cakes, soft pretzels, and for the hearty eaters, family-sized dinners with the seven sweets and seven sours.

Old craftsmen will be on deck along the Commons, demonstrating popular Pennsylvania Dutch crafts — pewter making, basket weaving, roof thatching, wood-turning, tin-cutting, horse-shoeing, candle-dipping and the rest.

An Amish wedding, a "hanging" and a witchcraft trial will be presented.

Twice daily the Amish pageant, "Men of One Master" will portray life among the "Plain" sects. Hoe-downing, jigging, the Quilt Contest, a daily balloon ascension, games for children, hay jumping, rides in Conestoga wagons, and Country Auction, will round out this year's Kutztown Festival which offers a look back into America's heritage.



Antique Detective

by Burt Chardak

Despite recession, prices of antiques are moving steadily upward. But, like in the stock market, there are some items that are lagging behind the market while others are moving ahead.

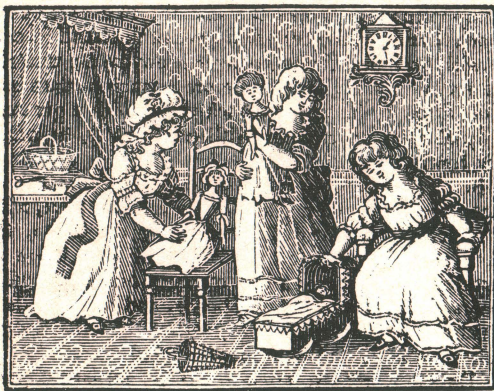
One of these items is collectors' dolls.

Leafing through a book written seven years ago, I noted prices that even a wholesaler would love to pay today.

There is also a ready market for parts and heads that are damaged. Some collectors, it appears from the many advertisements in magazines, prefer to buy damaged dolls or parts and fix them up like new.

Collecting is roughly broken down into categories of materials and geography.

Dolls made in the last century in France are preferred. In recent years, a collector might turn up her nose at a German-made doll.



But not so today. All dolls, even some made in Japan in the Twenties and Thirties, are being grabbed up along with doll carriages and cribs.

Among the French dolls, those most sought after are the Bru and the Jumeau, in that order. The dolls portray, for the most part, young girls or women, some stylishly dressed.

But Jumeau made a "boy" doll that is so rare that many collectors for years did not know that it existed. The firm was started in 1843 and for many years imported its doll heads from Germany, but by

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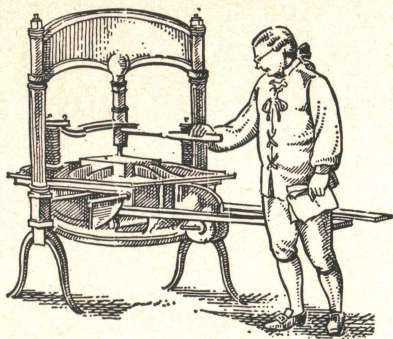
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Rambling with Russ

by

A. Russell Thomas

FORTY-SIX JUNES AGO

WATER SHORTAGE: Doylestown residents were warned by a streamer-headline in a local newspaper, "The Water Supply in Doylestown Is Extremely Low" because of the failure of residents to comply with Borough Council's appeal to them to stop wasting water with fountains, pavement-washes and other unnecessary ways. The local paper announced the County Seat would be helpless in case of a fire. The Boro, one night, was completely out of water. I recall that Borough Engineer William Hudson, worried about the low water supply, and depressed because of the extreme heat at the time, shot himself fatally in the bathroom of his home about 11:30 P.M. and died in the Doylestown Emergency Hospital.

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GRATITUDE: I recall that faithfulness in assisting to prevent a jail break, won a pardon for Walter Myers alias Walter Katze, who was serving a 4 - 6 year sentence in the Bucks County Prison for horse stealing. It was Katze, who in October, 1924, ran to the assistance of Head Keeper Grant Myers, when three prisoners broke jail after knocking him down unconscious. Katze rendered first aid and prevented other escapes. Katze did the same thing once before while incarcerated in the Eastern Penitentiary when he prevented the notorious "Four Horsemen" from a sensational escape.

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KIWANIS GRAND ARMY NIGHT: The Rev. John K. Hady, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown, was the eloquent speaker at a dinner

meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Doylestown. Included in the group were five white-haired veterans of the Civil War — William Raisner, New Britain; Z. K. Danenhower, Doylestown; Moses Bothers, Doylestown; Edward W. Smith, Doylestown; Lycurgus Bryan, Doylestown. Fifty-six Kiwanians attended the affair, and at this meeting it was announced that the Doylestown club placed second in the state of Pennsylvania among 83 clubs, for attendance that month.

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HOLIDAY SEASON: The holiday summer season at Point Pleasant attracted a great number of people to the cabins and cottages in the village. Thirty-five members of the Wanderlust Club of Philadelphia took dinner at the Point Pleasant Inn after a ride on the boats of the Lehigh Navigation Canal to Bridgeton and return.

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FUNK'S FOREST PARK: Bucks County newspapers advertised: "Funk's Forest Park, Chalfont, enjoy the boating, carousel, toboggan slide and dancing" . . . I recall quite a picnic at the park enjoyed by the Alleghany Avenue Branch of the 9th National Bank of Philadelphia, including a baseball game between Hatfield and Chalfont.

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REMEMBER THIS? The New Strand Theatre (Doylestown) featured a movie, starring Norma Talmadge in "The Only Woman" with an added attraction "Bull and Sand" . . . Also announced a return engagement of "Abraham Lincoln" . . . Adults, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.

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WORKED LIKE A HORSE: Mrs. Joseph Samody, 45, of Fountainville, Bucks County, was granted a divorce in the Philadelphia courts because her husband hitched her to a plow with the horse and made her pull. When the plow did not move, the husband struck her with a whip and later struck her on the head with a flower pot, threatening to kill her when she reproached him for cruelty to cattle on the farm. The wife told the judge that she lost 50 pounds in three months. Coe Farrier, master in the divorce proceedings, recommended the divorce and it was granted.

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NEW SCHOOL: A new and modern school was dedicated at the P. O. S. of A. Home in Chalfont, with 2,000 persons in attendance. The school, near the orphanage, was built and equipped for \$17,000.

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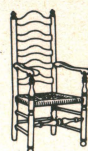
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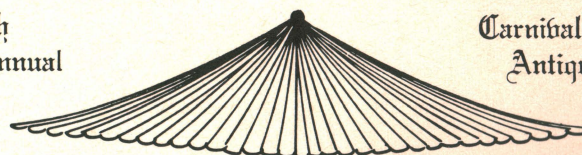
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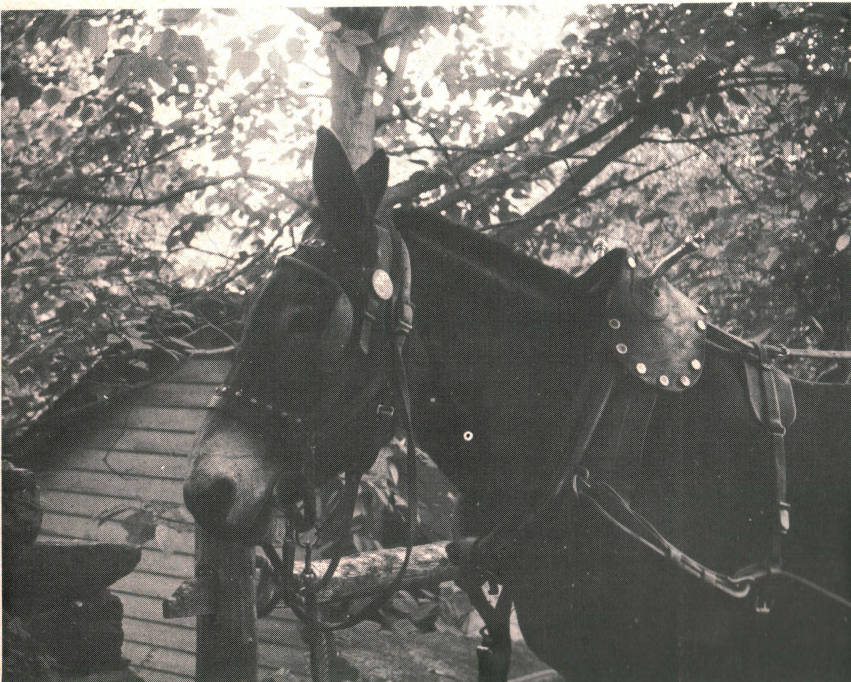


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Summer Reflections



Canal Mule



DEAR OLD DAD

that spirits are the true fathers of mankind. Instead he addresses Dad by a title that means simply "my mother's husband!"

In parts of the Near and Far East, father has almost complete authority over his children, but must still defer to grandfather. Several generations may live under one roof, and the old patriarch dominates them all. But among some South Sea tribes, the *uncle* is head of the household.

This arrangement comes about because of an odd social structure which requires that people choose their mates from outside their native village, but continue to live in their own village after marriage. Dad lives in one hamlet, Mama and the kids in another. A man has authority not over his own children, but over his sister's offspring!

Father's Day was the brainstorm of a grateful daughter, Mrs. John Dodd, who wished to honor her father, William Smart, for his devotion and kindness in rearing six motherless children. Thanks to her efforts, the holiday was first celebrated in 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

From its modest beginnings, Father's Day has become such an important occasion to American families that they are expected to spend more than one billion dollars this year on gifts for Dad. And fathers can drink to the usual bathrobes and smoking jackets they receive — but few, if any "longevity robes."

Yet this was a favorite son-to-father gift in Old China, where great age implied great prestige. A son could think of no better way to show respect for an elderly parent than by making him a birthday present of a silken robe embroidered with the Chinese characters for "long life." The robe was considered most effective if sewn by a young person likely to live a long time!

There is one exotic custom, this one pertaining to new fathers rather than old ones, that American men might like to adopt. In many African and South American tribes, it's feared that a father might endanger the health of his newborn child by engaging in hunting, fishing and other workday pursuits.

Therefore, although Mama returns to her usual tasks almost as soon as the baby is born, Dad takes to his bed for a few days or even weeks — and does absolutely nothing!

Old spirits or new slippers, fishing gear or a hobby kit may seem like appropriate gifts for Dad — but an African Dinka Tribesman would strongly disagree.

He anxiously awaits the moment when he can receive the one "perfect" present from his son: the skin of the first lion the young man kills!

It's not just what children give their sires, but what fathers pass on to their children, that varies in fascinating ways around the globe.

Tchambuli boys of New Guinea learn that doing tribal dances and carving ritual masks is *man's* work — and that it's mama's job to grow the crops and catch the fish that feed the family!

Does Dad spoil the child by sparing the rod? The Arapesh, neighbors of the Tchambuli, would recoil in horror at the thought of striking their offspring. To them, a child's tears are a tragedy — and one of Dad's biggest jobs is to see that his children never cry. He delights in feeding the children by hand, slipping them the best morsels. Parental "don'ts" are few. Yet the Arapesh youngsters emerge not as little monsters — but as junior editions of their mild parents.

In contrast, Ossete tribesmen of the Russian Caucasus are so stern that they never play with their babies! Public opinion brands as "sissified" the man who fondles his children. But tribal custom does permit Dad to take his youngster by the hand when walking — once the child has reached the ripe age of four!

Strict Puritan parents sometimes insisted on being addressed by their offspring as "honored sir," instead of merely "father." A Trobriand Islander also wouldn't dream of calling his sire "father" — but for a different reason. This South Pacific son believes

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A simpatico feeling with history complements a certain intuition about the present and the future. Mrs. Bordner has long been aware of a generous helping of the 'sixth sense.' Beginning in her teens, she experienced clairvoyant moments that confounded both her and her friends. She has accepted this gift and come to appreciate it. Between poetic jaunts, she lectures and writes on psychic phenomena. Two best sellers include chapters of hers.

But Marie Bordner's heart truly belongs to the Muse. And her attributes are not too unlike the dramatic scheme of a poem. She is shy at first like the first hesitant poetic line that launches the tentative thought. Gaining momentum as she feels secure in her visitor's interest, she speaks as boldly and succinctly as the body of the verse. The impact-ending of most poems is found in her sparkling, ever-youthful personality. Words *can* describe this talented New Hope lady.

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MARGARET MEAD: Margaret Mead, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Edward Mead of Holicong, was granted a fellowship under the National Research Council for the years 1925-26. She spent a year doing field work in the Samoan Islands, studying the life of a native adolescent girl.

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NORTHAMPTON FARMERS CLUB: At a meeting of the Northampton Farmers Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillend, there was plenty of action. In answer to a question, "What is your opinion of the roadside market" Clarence Leedom said he opposed it because most of the business was done on Sunday. Another question, "What effect will the Sesqui-Centennial have on the farmers of Bucks County". George Cliffe said he was "very much prejudiced against it". He said "In 1876 there was a centennial that had meaning and there is no cause for one in 1926."

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CRAFTWORK EXHIBIT: Hundreds of persons viewed the annual exhibition of craftwork, domestic science, drawing and cooking of the Doylestown area schools at a meeting of the School Welfare Association. Among the winners were Helen Peiter, Florence Wismer, Myrtle King, Milton Detweiler, Mary Trauger, Virginia Fretz, Ella Kratz, Helen Gallagher, Blaie Garner, John Elfman, Charles Large, Newton Rosenberger, George Mann and Charles Moyer.

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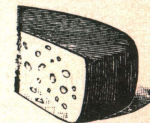
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BETWEEN FRIENDS

by Sheila Martin



June — the month whose birthstone is the moonstone, a milky white stone with blue lights. Tradition has it that the moonstone is a love charm during the waxing of the moon and during the waning, the owner is supposed to be able to foretell the future. Anyhow, we are hoping for very happy futures for all June brides and June graduates. My daughter is a June graduate and her family's love goes with her as she begins the first step of her future this fall by entering college. As I send my second child to

college, I realize more than ever that the hardest thing is not getting them in, or even paying the cost, but letting them go with joy, realizing that they are on the way to responsible adulthood.

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The Concerned Citizens of the Warrington Civic Association are compiling a history of Warrington. They invite anyone with knowledge of old homes, maps, pictures or documents to share them. Contact Mrs. William Sweigart PO Box 365, Warrington.

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Don't forget the Annual Village Fair in Doylestown to be held on June 12. The theme is "An American Fair" and as usual there will be interesting booths, games for the kids, and fun for the whole family. Be sure to attend and remember the proceeds go for the benefit of the Doylestown Hospital.

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Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Santo Arrigo of Ottsville who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dodds of Southampton who celebrated their 50th.

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Howard T. Gathright of Doylestown has been elected president of the Bucks County Tuberculosis

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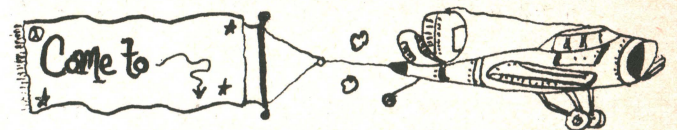
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We are saluting New Hope this month and its really a town for the whole family to visit. I like the fact that there are so many things for children to enjoy. One of the most interesting things for kids and parents both is the demonstration of printing as it was done 100 years ago on the famous Washington Hand Press. This step back into history can be seen daily at the Old Franklin Print Shop at 29 N. Main Street in New Hope.

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The running of the 39th National Championship Race on June 13 at the Langhorne Speedway will mark the end of the trail for one of the country's oldest auto-racing landmarks. In 1926 the old one-mile original dirt circle boasted the men and cars of the National Championship circuit for the first time with a 100 mile race that was won by the late Russ Snowberger. A lot of Bucks County racing buffs will want to attend this last big race for old time's sake.

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The Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the addition of new pavilions at Lake Towhee and Playwicki Park and advises that reservations are now being accepted for the use of any of the pavilions in the county parks.

The pavilions are two, three, four and five section units, with each section accommodating 20 individuals. They may be reserved in their entirety or per section. The cost to county residents is \$3.00 per section per day, to non-county residents \$6.00, and \$2.00 to non-profit groups Monday through Friday only.

In addition to the new pavilions at Lake Towhee and Playwicki, pavilions are also available at Tinicum Park, River Rd., Erwinna, and Silver Lake Park, Bristol.

Reservations must be made at least one week in advance and can be made by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 348-2911, Extension 305, or applying in person, 6th floor, Administration Building, Doylestown.

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WHEELBARROW HILL

There is a large Victorian mansion on a hill in the tiny village of Holicong in Bucks County. This three-storied, yellow clapboard house with spacious rooms and verandas on three sides is named Wheelbarrow Hill.

It was built in 1890 as a summer residence for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice David Newlin Fell, descendent of one of Bucks County's oldest families. In 1704, Joseph Fell, his wife, Bridget Wilson Fell, and their two small sons, Joseph and Benjamin sailed for the American colonies. They reached Virginia, came to Bristol by coasting vessel, moved to the Makefields, and then to Buckingham Township in 1706. Bridget died shortly after giving birth to a second daughter, Mary.

Three years later, Joseph Fell married Elizabeth Doyle, a sister of the Doyle brothers for whom Doylestown was named. Both Joseph and Elizabeth were active in the Buckingham Meeting of the Society of Friends. In 1725 Joseph became a member of the Provincial Council. He died in 1748.

Joseph Fell, a member of the fifth generation of the family, was well known in Bucks County. He was a dedicated teacher and taught at Buckingham Friends School, Tyro Hall, and the Hughesian School. In 1837 he was elected to the State Legislature and was active in passing the Common School Law of Pennsylvania. He served as the first Bucks County

Superintendent of Schools. He was an active Abolitionist and his home was a station on the Underground Railroad during the 1850's.

Joseph married Harriet Williams of Buckingham and had five children, one of whom was David Newlin Fell. Young David was educated by his father and then graduated from the State Normal School at Millersville in 1862. As did many of his classmates he enlisted in Company E, 122nd Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in August of 1862. He attained the rank of major by the end of the war, having served at the front under Generals Stonemaker and Sickles.

After the war, he studied law in Philadelphia with his brother William and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He served as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for many years and as a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1894 to 1914. From 1910 until he retired in 1914, he sat on that bench as Chief Justice.

In 1870 Judge Fell married Martha Trego and they had 7 children. Remembering with pleasure the lovely countryside in Holicong where he grew up, Judge Fell built the large mansion, Wheelbarrow Hill, in 1890 as a summer home. Both Wheelbarrow Hill and Longlands, the stone home just below Wheelbarrow Hill where Judge Fell was born, are names found in

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Philadelphia, and gave Washington the maximum flexibility. Besides, the Delaware near New Hope has always been a nice place to spend a few summer days. The troops were spread out among the three locations so that a fast crossing could be made.

Washington started from the Clove on the 24th picking up parts of the army along the way. They marched through Pompton, Morristown, and Reading reaching Coryell's (on the Jersey side) on the 28th. Headquarters were promptly established at the home of a prominent Quaker resident, Richard Holcombe, although, through a misinterpretation of vernacular pronunciation, some reputable historians have carried along the story that he stayed with "a hearty old Quaker named Oakum." While a Quaker, "Oakum" apparently had no reservations about extending warm hospitality to non-pacifists.



The Continentals didn't have long to enjoy the serenity of the Delaware in summer, for on the 31st word was received that Howe's fleet had been sighted at the Delaware Capes. An immediate crossing was ordered and, on the assumption that Philadelphia was to be the objective, the next camp was to be at the Falls of the Schuylkill, near Germantown. The Coryell's and Howell's forces marched down York Road together, combining with Lord Stirling's Trenton detachment at Hartsville, and the army reached the Schuylkill on August 3rd.

Washington remained convinced that Howe's target was Philadelphia, but could not remove New York completely from his mind, and on the 8th the army broke camp and headed back toward their favorite waiting place, Coryell's.

By the 11th, after reaching Hartsville, they heard that the British had been spotted off the Maryland coast. At this point, now 16,000 strong, the army

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camped along the banks of the Neshaminy for 11 days to await Howe's next move. On the 22nd the news arrived that the British fleet had rounded Cape Charles and was headed up the Chesapeake. The army hurriedly broke camp and headed south toward Brandywine, Germantown, and, finally, Valley Forge.

In May General Sir Henry Clinton replaced Sir William Howe as British commander in Philadelphia and Washington's intelligence told him that the British were to evacuate Philadelphia, the prize of last year's campaign, and return to New York. By early June it was obvious that the evacuation was to be overland since more than 100 ships had left the port virtually empty. Washington immediately dispatched Maxwell's brigade to Mount Holly, New Jersey, and orders were sent to General Philemon Dickinson, commander of the New Jersey militia, to muster his troops and prepare to operate in small parties and act as a general irritant to the British march across New Jersey.

In early June 1778, after many councils of war, it was decided that the best overall strategy would be to cover Clinton's every movement across Jersey. Harrassment by Maxwell's brigade and the militia, aided by his long baggage train (six miles long) would keep Clinton's progress to a crawl. With the advantage of greater mobility the Continentals could, from a safe distance, cover Clinton's every move waiting for an opportunity to strike.

The plans were carefully drawn, the regiments were ready to march on short notice, and all that was lacking was word that the British had left Philadelphia. On the morning of the 18th the word came and before noon two divisions, commanded by Charles Lee and Anthony Wayne, left Valley Forge with orders to proceed to Coryell's unless they received reports that the British were taking a southern route across New Jersey. The rest of the army, headed in the same direction, left on the morning of the 19th. 13,000 Americans were again on their way to war; cheerful and hopeful as they had never been before. The 18th and 19th were beautiful, very hot but sunny. On the 20th, however, the rains came and slowed the army's progress to a crawl. By the night of the 20th the advance divisions had crossed at Coryell's and the main body of the army was camped east of Doylestown. The Commander in Chief spent the night in his tent, camped on the farm of Jonathan Fell near Buckingham. That night he and General Greene reviewed the days report from Philemon Dickenson that placed the British near

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Tales from the Towpath

by Irene Maggs

Rivers have always held a fascination for my husband Bill and me. Similarly, hiking and exploring. How fortunate then when Bill, deep in his winter's reading discovered in James Michener's *The Fires of Spring* the towpath which stretches on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware from Easton to Bristol. Although we live in Montgomery County, we had never thought about hiking along the Delaware.

So several years ago after the discovery on an overcast Sunday in November we set off from New Hope northwards to Center Point (roughly three miles one way). What fun it was to sneak through New Hope on a seemingly back path away from the Sunday crowds. Soon we were out of town, walking the curving grassy towpath, completely alone. We ambled into Center Bridge about an hour and a half later and were irresistably drawn to cross the bridge spanning the Delaware to that interesting little town, Stockton, N. J. After investigating the "small hotel with the wishing well" from the outside we opted for the luncheonette nearby genially manned by "Pop" who sells everything from fishing and hunting supplies to delicious burgers and coffee. We lingered over our lunch enjoying local fishing stories. Then, as it was getting late, we hurried towards the bridge leading back to Pennsylvania. Just before crossing the Delaware, Bill saw a narrow path . . . "Hey, that must be the old Jersey canal towpath he said

authoritatively. Let's take it. It'll lead to Lambertville where we can cross over to New Hope. Round trips are always more interesting!"

We gleefully disappeared from Stockton's street bound for Lambertville and a half mile later wound up in a hopeless thicket. The realization dawned that this was truly a very bad idea. Our alternatives were: Turn back. Or take the highway which we could glimpse through the bushes. Or walk down the railroad tracks which also parallel the river to Lambertville. We elected the tracks. And at first the change of pace was enjoyable. We were high above the brambles making good progress and rested when a freight train lumbered by. Shades of becoming a latter-day hobo danced in my head as I watched the "Wabash Cannonball", "Southern Pacific", "Land of the Phoebe Snow" *et al* boxcars pass in review. But at dusk as we arrived in Lambertville, reality snapped me back to my true identity — a footsore housewife who had done the improbable thing of hiking 2-½ miles of railroad tracks in sneakers.

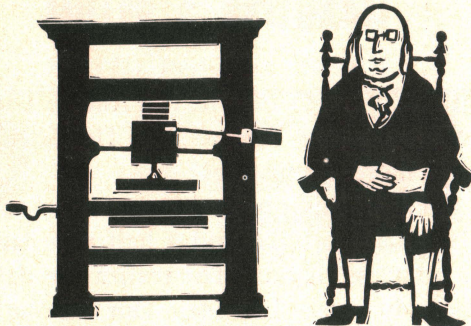
Yearly, spring and fall, we return to the river, filling in with more stretches of the canal and sometimes just repeating old favorites. Shattering no records. To date we've walked from Upper Black Eddy to Taylorsville. Eventually we hope to cover the entire distance — Easton to Bristol. Maybe even this year. My sneakers are ready!

BOOKS IN REVIEW

THE MAN WHO DARED THE LIGHTNING, by Thomas Fleming. William Morrow and Co., New York, 1971. 532 pp. \$12.50.

A really prolific biographer could make a career out of Benjamin Franklin. He could start with *Ben the Scientist*, proceed to *Ben the Philosopher*, then follow with *Ben the Businessman*, *Ben the*

Pennsylvania Assembly in 1757 until his service in the Constitutional Convention, Franklin exerted an influence on the course of American history that was unmatched by any of the other Founding Fathers, even George Washington. Even in 1971, considering the supposed great men of this century, a 30 year period of strong national influence is some sort of a record.



Politician, *Ben the Diplomat*, etc. Thomas Fleming generally ignores the philosopher and businessman, but mixes the others with *Ben the Parent* and comes up with an illuminating and very interesting book that truly supports its subtitle: *A New Look at Benjamin Franklin*.

In its detail, much of what the author tells us about Franklin is not new, but the picture that emerges provides a new perspective of the one man who played a significant role in every important political and diplomatic event surrounding the achievement of American independence. For a period of 30 years, from his assignment as London colonial agent for the

The Man Who Dared the Lightning is basically a story of personal relationships. While these relationships with European political leaders were perhaps the secret of his diplomatic success, the most interesting involves his only surviving (and illegitimate) son William. The story begins with the devoted father and son flying a kite in a thunderstorm and ends with a father's ironic legacy which included, "all the lands I hold or have a right to in the province of Nova Scotia (about the only place where Franklin didn't own land), all of my books and papers which he has in his possession, and all debts standing against him in my account books." In the

intervening years the father had become one of the authors of American independence, and the son, last royal governor of New Jersey (a position obtained through his father's influence before the troubles), became the most detested Tory in America. The drama of the gradual estrangement of father and son is underscored by the presence of William's son William Temple Franklin (also illegitimate) who is the object of a constant battle for influence between his father and grandfather.

A point of purely local interest involves William's abortive romance with Elizabeth Graeme of Graeme Park. William always wanted to marry well, but the Franklins were of no social consequence and, perhaps even more significantly, were political opponents of the Proprietary Establishment represented by the Graeme family. Joseph Galloway of Trevoise is well represented in exchanges that reveal how the depth of feeling between the two transcended their later political differences.

Benjamin Franklin has not been fully appreciated by Americans. Too often the Poor Richard image has overshadowed that of the diplomat and statesman. After reading Fleming's review of Franklin's public career, however, one might wish that the State Department had a few Benjamin Franklins on the payroll today. H.W.B.

EXPLORING FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY TO THE POCONOS by Annette Carter. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and New York. 1971. 255 pp. \$7.95.

The surest way to review a guide book is (1) to read what it says about a place with which you are thoroughly familiar (2) to read what it says about a place about which you know nothing, and then (3) and (4) go to both places, re-read the book's comments and dash off your memorable comments on the author's memorabilia.

The last time we used this technique the publisher wrote an angry rebuttal to our review and cut us off his list!

No such mutual excommunication is likely here. The book survived handsomely on all four criteria. Not everyone will like Mrs. Carter's syncopated accordion English, but the book is a book of brief facts rather than an exhaustive *Guide Michelin* for the traveller who has no time limits either for books or travel. Each area has its own chapter with a *Bulletin*-length article emphasising nature somewhat more than artifacts, followed by a listing of "More to Explore," giving facts on admissions, sources for further data, etc. The photographs, mostly by Judson Laird, are excellent; the maps are clear and lucid.

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- 1 - 30 NEW HOPE — Mule-drawn Barge rides, daily except Monday. "See Canal Life as it was 125 years ago." Hours 1, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m.
- 1 - 30 DOYLESTOWN — National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road. Guided Tours — Sunday 2 p.m., Other tours upon request by reservations. Phone 345-0600. Shrine Religious Gift Shop open 7 days a week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Parking. Brochure available.
- 1 - 30 TELFORD — Lockwood Galleries, 345 Church Road. Paintings, Sculpture, pottery and weaving exhibits. Hours: Evenings 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- 1 - 30 CHURCHVILLE — The Outdoor Education Center, Churchville County Park. Open daily 9 to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Family Nature Programs Sunday 2 p.m.
- 1 - 30 NEW HOPE — New Hope and Ivyland Railroad, scenic trips through Bucks County on vintage train, 14 mile round trip. *Weekends only.*
- 1 - 30 ERWINNA — Stover-Meyers Mill, River Road. Open weekends only, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission - 50 cents adults and 25 cents children under 12. (\$1.00 for families.)
- 1 - 30 BRISTOL — The Paddlewheel Queen will be operating from the Wharf at the end of Mill St. Weekends only until June 15. After June 15th, daily and Sun. For schedule and information call 355-6102.
- 2-13 NEW HOPE — Bucks County Playhouse presents "Man of La Mancha". For tickets and information write the Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. 18938, or call 862-2041.
- 3,10
17,24 BRISTOL — Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center, Rte 413. Spring Programs — 8 p.m. Free. June 3 — "Americas Everest"; June 10 — "Camping Key to Conservation" & "Newfoundland Trailer Trip"; June 17 — "Miss Goodall" & "The Wild Chimps"; June 24 — "Between the Tides," "Marine Life" & "Mysteries of the Deep"
- 4,5 QUAKERTOWN — Arts Festival to be held behind the Liberty Bell Delicatessen, 1313 W. Broad St. All Day.
- 5 NEWTOWN — Annual Welcome Day (287th Anniversary). Activities begin at 10 a.m. for all day. Art Show, Horse Show, Music, etc.
- 5 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Children's Nature Walk, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Bldg.
- 5-6 ERWINNA — Stover Mill Exhibition. Etchings, Lithographs and Woodcuts by Raymond Hamilton. Open each Sat. and Sun. from 2 to 5.
- 6 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Adult Nature Hike, 2 to 3 p.m. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Bldg.
- 6 WRIGHTSTOWN — Bucks County Folksong Society, an evening of Folk Music at the

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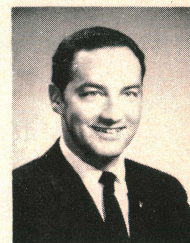
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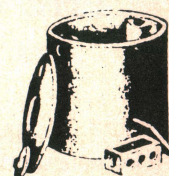


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County Cumberland in England, the ancestral home of the Fells.

Judge Fell died at Wheelbarrow Hill in September of 1919. Two of his unmarried daughters, war nurses in France during World War One, made their home there until their deaths. The present owner is Edward Fell.

Wheelbarrow Hill will have a new name for a few weeks in June. It will be called the Bucks County Designers' House. The large, empty rooms are being decorated by interior designers of the Delaware Valley. Some of the plans include a Williamsburg bedroom, a master bedroom suite with tropical sitting room, a bedroom for a young woman, a summer parlor, an upstairs sitting room with Victorian touches, and period dining and drawing rooms.

This is all being done under the sponsorship of the Village Improvement Association for the benefit of the Doylestown Hospital. This 129 bed hospital is the only non-profit hospital in the country owned and operated by a federated women's club, the 75 year old V.I.A.

The Bucks County Designer House will be open to the public every day of the week during the hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning June 6 and continuing through June 26. Tickets will be sold at the House or obtained through contacting Mrs. C. S. Sienkiewicz of Doylestown, chairman of the event. The decorators' items in all the rooms will be on sale with a percentage going to the Hospital. All in all, a visit to Wheelbarrow Hill in June offers a chance to step back into another era while at the same time enabling the Doylestown Hospital to step forward in continued service to the community.

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Eyrestown. The British progress was slow enough and generally to the northeast; Washington was on the right track.

On the 21st, Washington and the main body proceeded to Coryell's where the New Hope traditionalists tell us that he paused for refreshment under the "Old Washington Tree." By three in the afternoon he had crossed and went directly to "Oakums" where he again partook of the Quaker's hospitality. The position report on the 22nd placed the British at Mount Holly. Everything was going beautifully; the withering 100 degree heat and the muddy roads had taken their toll of the British spirit and every bridge along the route had been destroyed. On the 23rd the army moved its main camp to Hopewell, a little closer to possible action, to await further developments. On the 24th Clinton was stalled at Crosswicks, waiting for a bridge to be rebuilt, and a council of war concluded that he was headed for Sandy Hook from whence he could be transported to New York by ship. By contemporary European standards Washington now held the high cards and the decision was made to draw Clinton into battle at Monmouth Court House.

No battles were fought at Coryell's Ferry. In fact, no battles were fought in Bucks County. Coryell's is, however, irrevocably associated with three of the most crucial battles of the war; Trenton, Brandywine, and Monmouth. Only the cannon in front of the Logan Inn (19th century, not at all Revolutionary) stands as a reminder that charming New Hope once had a military history.

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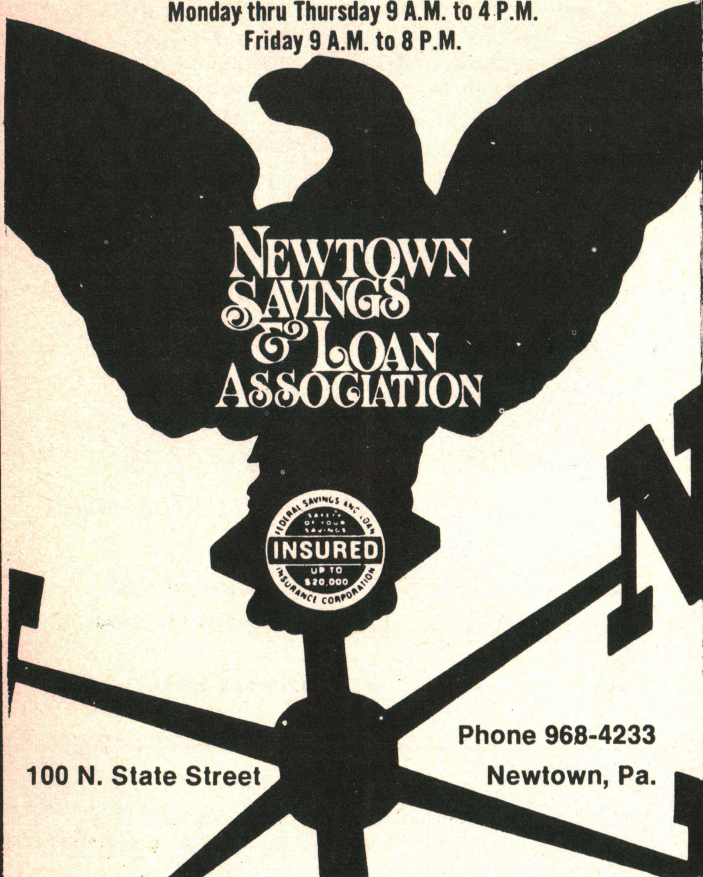
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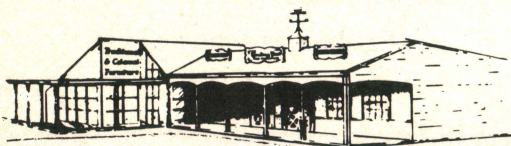


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the early 1860s the factory was turning out complete dolls.

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The Bru firm was started by M. Anton Bru, but the firm prospered under his son, Leon Casimir Bru, who took out patents on mechanical dolls, two-faced dolls and turning-head dolls. The coloring and modelling of the Bru doll is outstanding, as is the natural looking arms and legs. The firm also won a series of gold medals in the 1880s.

During that period it passed out of the Bru family hands and in 1899 was merged with other French and German firms.

Dolls are made of wood, wax, composition, cloth, leather, china and bisque, and many mixtures of these materials.

The most beautiful, of course, are those with china or bisque heads. Basically, there are two types of heads, those with a swivel neck and those with the neck and bust formed in one piece.

There are various grades of china — from the dead white, to creamy white, to flesh-tinted, and finally the much-sought pink luster, made like the tableware of the early 19th century with a pinch of gold.

The bisque doll heads are unglazed china. Flesh-tinted bisque came in about the middle of the century, and such heads were turned out by the millions in Germany.

An off-shoot of the bisque head is something doll collectors referred to as parian, a highly polished, uncolored bisque.

It appears that dolls with stationary eyes (opposed to sleeping dolls) are more valuable. So are dolls with the mouths closed or just slightly open, as opposed to those with open mouths.

Brown-eyed dolls are more valuable, generally, than blue-eyed ones. And grey-eyed dolls are quite rare.

Excellent reproductions of the rarer dolls are now being made, many of them in the United States. But to forestall fraud, the reproducer usually dates and signs the doll.

Most dolls that turn up in flea markets and shows today have the initials A M inscribed on the back of the neck. This is for Armond Marseille, a German dollmaker. The company made some beautiful dolls, but most were put out in such quantity that they can never be considered rare.

Even so the price of A M dolls is going up, up, up.

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Two new Central Bucks schools are progressing as scheduled with construction, furnishing, and staffing. The schools, Holicong Junior High School, Buckingham, and Pine Run Elementary School, New Britain, are expected to open this September.

Both schools feature departures from previous school building patterns in the Central Bucks School District.

Pine Run is being constructed with open space in mind. Instead of cinder block or brick partitions between classrooms, the building is divided into very large "instruction centers" housing four or five classes. There will be instruction centers for grades one and two, three and four, and five and six. Classes will be separated by large pieces of furniture such as shelves, storage racks, and chalkboards. Kindergarten and special education will be in more conventional type classrooms.

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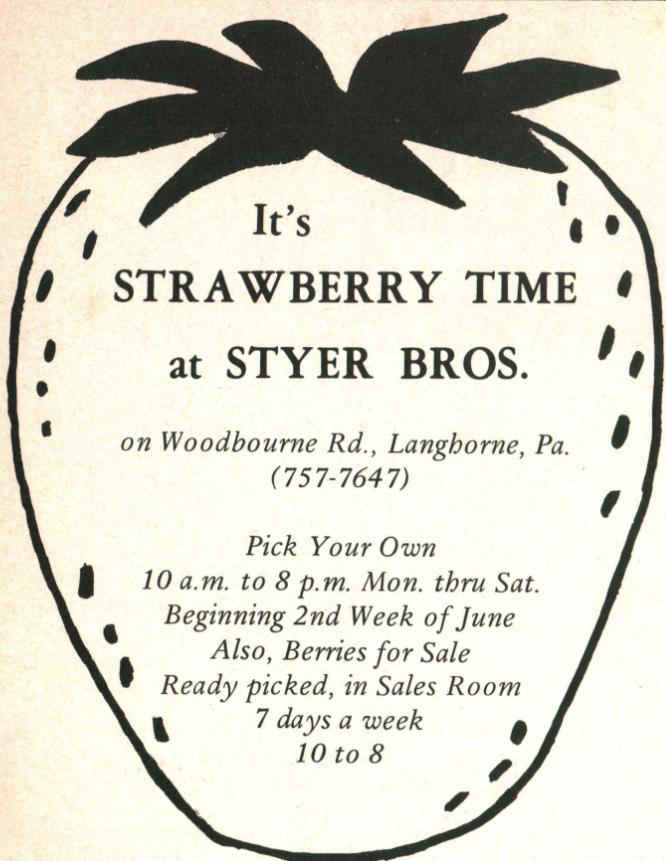


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- Wrightstown Friends Meeting House Recreation Room, Rte 413 at 7 p.m. Free (If you play an instrument, bring it along.)
- 6-26 DOYLESTOWN — Bucks County Designers' House "Wheelbarrow Hill" will be open every day of the week 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Village Improvement Association to benefit the Doylestown Hospital. Tickets \$2.50 at the door (\$2.00 if purchased before June 6)
For further information call 348-4236 or 348-4442.
- 12 DOYLESTOWN — 11th Annual Village Fair, War Memorial Field, Route 202. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. "An American Village Fair" theme.
- 12 LEVITTOWN — Middletown Township Arts and Culture Commission presents "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," a film. 8 p.m. Township Bldg., New Rodgers Rd. Free.
- 12,13,19,20,26,27 ERVINNA — Stover Mill Exhibition. Etchings, Lithographs and Woodcuts by Raymond Hamilton. Open each Sat. and Sun. from 2 to 5.
- 13 LANGHORNE — Final presentation of a National Championship race at the Langhorne International Motor Speedway. For tickets write Langhorne International Motor Speedway Corp., P.O. Box No. 277, Langhorne, Pa. 19047.
- 15-27 NEW HOPE — Bucks County Playhouse presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"
- 17,18,19 BUCKINGHAM — Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen will be sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair, at Tyro Hall Grange, Rtes. 202 and 413, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Over 30 craftsmen will sell and display various crafts; many demonstrations. Admission free and ample parking.
- 19 WRIGHTSTOWN — Country Fete sponsored by the Upper Makefield Unit of St. Mary Hospital Auxiliary, at the Middletown Grange Fair Grounds. All day. (Fair and Horse Show)
- 24,25,26 NEW HOPE — 3rd Street Fair, sponsored by the New Hope-Solebury Jaycees. Information call 862-5302.
- 25 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Evening Lecture — 8 p.m. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Headquarters Bldg.
- 25,26 BUCKINGHAM — Town & Country Players will present "All My Sons", at the Players Barn on Rte 263. Curtain 8:30 p.m. Tickets call Mrs. Kolman 348-4961.
- 26 LEVITTOWN — Middletown Township Arts and Culture Commission presents India. Hindu and Indian dances by Edna Bellafontaine of the Kashmir. Indian Music, Indian Art plus an Exhibition of paintings by Ruth Metzger. Exhibition of prints by June Wiengarten. 8 p.m. in the Township Bldg., New Rodgers Rd. Free.
- 29 - NEW HOPE — Bucks County Playhouse presents "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie".
July 11



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blood of New Hope.

After the town had gained nationwide acclaim as a leading art center, the other arts, trades, collectors and importers began to arrive.

The first hippies, looking for a freedom, a freedom to do their thing, dress in their own style, began to arrive, blending with the local artists and adding a new strain of color, a new way of life.

Another most important feature of New Hope has been the Playhouse. With the doors of the grist mill having been closed for quite a few years certain townspeople became disturbed in case it would just lay idle and rot away. A group of local citizens bought the great building for the town's keeping. It has never ceased to be one of the country's most successful summer stock theaters.



Bucks County Playhouse

There is a true story about that very first opening night, that bears repeating. The tickets had been a sell out, crowds were coming in from as far away as Philadelphia, the seats had been finished although nails were still being hammered into the stage. Outside, the local folks were staring and taking pictures like mad as the celebrities and city folk began arriving. The play was two hours late that night . . . though no one minded. Gowned ladies and well dressed men rubbed shoulders with carpenters and scrambling apprentices.

But the show did go on. And of all the attractions that night, the stars on the stage and the known names in the audience, it was the curtain that brought the house down. A breathtaking painting by Charles Child greeted the eyes of those in attendance that night, as it has the eyes of all play goers since.

And thus were the birth pains of New Hope — its growth — and maturity. New Hope, that town that really swings.

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